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Docket No.: GR 98 P 4106

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter Hildebrandt et al.  
Applic. No. : 09/322,715  
Filed : May 28, 1999  
Title : Coupling Device  
Examiner : Sarah Song - Art Unit: 2874

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The facts leading to this petition are as follows:

Applicants received a *Notice of Abandonment* dated September 24, 2002, in the above-identified application. According to the aforesaid notice, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, applicants had allegedly not paid the issue fee by the due date of August 16, 2002.

However, applicants did pay the issue fee on August 16, 2002. A copy of the postcard showing the filing date in the Patent Office is enclosed. Form 85 B (issue fee transmittal) bore a mailing certificate under 37 CFR 1.8, which was properly executed on that date.

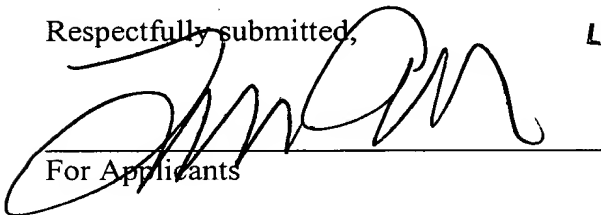
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In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the *Notice of Abandonment* be rescinded and that the application be restored to pending status.

I hereby declare that the foregoing facts have been stated on a personal knowledge basis and that the above-noted paper was submitted timely in accordance with the rules and regulations. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the application be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LAURENCE A. GREENBERG', written over a horizontal line.

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For Applicants

Date: October 4, 2002

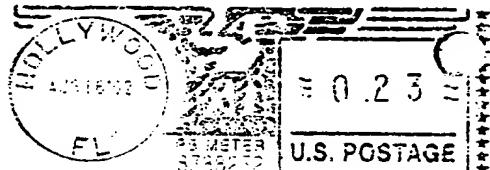
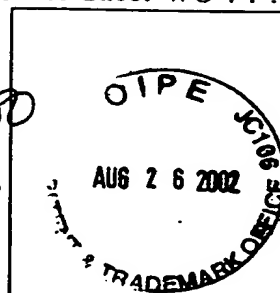
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REG. NO. 41,947  
August 16, 2002

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION
09/322,715	05/28/1999	PETER HILDEBRANDT	GR98P4106	

TITLE OF INVENTION: COUPLING DEVICE

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1280	\$0	\$1280	08/16/02

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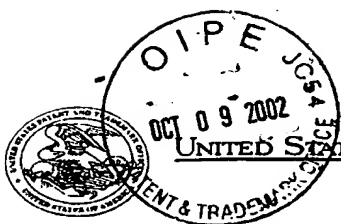
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A proposed response was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
- (A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).
- ☐ No response has been received.
- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The issue fee has not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) were received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable.
- ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- ☐ The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below:

ABANDONMENT  
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